

Cascade Mountains. Its commercial center is the city of Seattle. The counties in this market west of the Cascades are Clallum, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston and Whatcom, and the two counties east of the Cascade mountains are Chelan and Kittitas.

Absent the proposed acquisition, Holnam would likely have increased the amount of cement it supplied to the Puget Sound market, which would likely have resulted in a decrease in the price of cement. As originally structured, the proposed acquisition would likely have prevented this increase in supply because it contained a contractual provision that imposed a significant cost penalty on Lafarge for quantities of cement produced at the Holnam cement plant in excess of 85% of the plant's capacity. The proposed acquisition thus would have given Lafarge the incentive to restrict the output of cement at the Holnam plant in order to avoid the additional contractual cost. This would have prevented any increase in the supply of cement to the market and thus avoided the expected price decrease.

The proposed Consent Order would eliminate the contractual penalty provision. Therefore, Lafarge would no longer have this incentive to limit the amount of cement that it supplies to the Puget Sound area portland cement market.

By accepting the proposed Consent Order, the Commission anticipates that the competitive problems alleged in the draft complaint will be resolved. The purpose of this analysis is to aid public comment on the proposed Order. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed Order or to modify in any way their terms.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald Clark,
Secretary.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0259]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Market Research Questionnaire

AGENCY: Federal Supply Service, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to a previously approved OMB Clearance (3090-0259).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Acquisition Policy has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a previously approved information collection requirement entitled Market Research Questionnaire.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* December 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Additional comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: Marjorie Ashby, General Services Administration (MVP), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Bacon, Federal Supply Service on (703) 305-6573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The GSA is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and approve information collection, 3090-0259 concerning Market Research Questionnaire. The Market Research Questionnaires are used to gather information that is necessary to develop and/or revise Federal specifications and other purchase descriptions.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 25; annual responses: 25; average hours per response: 2.4; burden hours: 60.

Copy of Proposal

A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501-3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-3341.

Dated: October 15, 1998.

Ida M. Ustad,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following request for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed prior to the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 and is essential to the mission of the Department. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 authorized the Department of Labor (DoL) to implement a new grant program to fund state and local efforts to get the hardest-to-serve welfare recipients into employment. The statute directs the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to develop a plan to evaluate how Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grants to states and tribes have been used. An interim evaluation report is due to Congress by January 1, 1999, and a final report is due by January 1, 2001.

DoL announced the first WtW competitive grants in May. The first formula grant funds were distributed to states in February. Once formula grant funds are awarded by DoL, states require additional time to distribute funds to substate operating entities. Since the WtW program operators have not had the WtW funds very long, it would not be feasible to collect the baseline information before fall 1998. Following the normal clearance procedures would cause the statutory deadline of January 1, 1999 to be missed.

Without emergency approval of the proposed information collections described below, the Department could not submit to Congress by January 1, 1999 the interim evaluation report for the Welfare-to-work grant program, as required by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

DHHS is requesting that OMB grant emergency approval by October 26, 1998 for 180 days.

Title and Description of Information Collection: Multi-site Evaluation of the Welfare-to-Work Grants Program—